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By Rotary Club

Fish Fry For Fire Victims

The Grayling Rotary Club will hold its first annual fish fry at the American Legion Hall on Friday, Feb. 22 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Project chairman James Duley announced that the proceeds from this year's event will be donated to the Jack Johnson family, which was struck by a tragic fire on Friday, Feb. 15.

Tickets for the event may be purchased from any Rotarian, from Clyde Borchers at the Cornell Building or at the door. The ticket price for adults is \$2.50, for children between the ages of six and 12 years, \$1.75, and all children under the age of six will be admitted free of charge.

Credit Union Annual Meeting Sat., Feb. 23

The Crawford County Federal Credit Union will hold its annual meeting of shareholders at the Grayling American Legion Hall at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23. A steak dinner will be served by the American Legion to be followed about 7:30 p.m. by the business meeting. A social evening with music and dancing will complete the evening, according to President Arthur Thayer.

The purpose of such a meeting is for the Board of Directors to report to the membership on the progress of the Credit Union and plans for the coming year, and for the membership to give (See Meeting on Page 10)

Easter Seals Plan Campaign

The Crawford County Easter Seal Society met at Ausagra Acres on February 11th to finalize the plans for the 1974 campaign.

The meeting was called to order by the County Chairman, Lora Gould. The resignation of Marge Haugh as secretary was accepted with regrets and a vote of appreciation extended to her (See Campaign on Page 5)

TO CELEBRATE 99th BIRTHDAY

Word from the Leo Pedrottes of Detroit informed The Avalanche that one of our local residents, Mrs. Ida Ellingsworth of 206 Peninsular, will celebrate her 99th birthday on February 22nd.

She makes her home with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lisman. During nice weather she takes long walks around the city and is known to many local people.

The Avalanche would like to join her family and friends in congratulating her and wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Warning

The Artillery Range at Camp Grayling, located North of County Road 612 and South of the North Branch of the Ausable River, will be used by National Guard units 19 Feb. - 24 Feb. 74 for air to ground range firing.

These ranges will be closed on the above dates and all persons are warned to stay out of these areas.

Senior Band Concert Thursday

The Grayling Senior Band will feature a guest soloist, and it's 1974 District II Festival music this Thursday, Feb. 21, at 8:00 p.m.

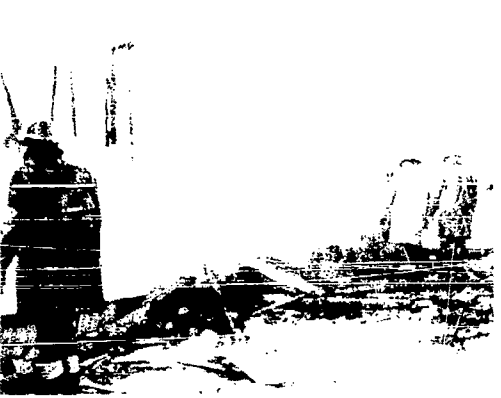
The soloist, Dr. Paul Willwerth, Central Michigan University, will be featured in two numbers. The first, Andante and Scherzo by J. E. Barat is a twentieth century work of French origin. The second, Prayer of St. Gregory is a twentieth century work by Alan Hovhaness which incorporates as much of its melodic material the Gregorian Chant style melody.

Dr. Willwerth, chairman of instrumental music at Central Michigan University, teaches trumpet and graduate courses



RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL — Colonel Edmund A. Rutkowski, Camp Grayling Commander, being presented with the Distinguished Service Medal by Major General C. C. Schnipke, The Adjutant General of Michigan, in ceremonies held in Lansing on February 11, 1973. (Michigan National Guard Photo)

Mother-Daughter Die In House Fire



FIREMEN AT SCENE — Grayling firemen look over what little remains of the house that fire completely demolished, and took the lives of a mother and her daughter. (Sheriff's Dept. Photo)

A fire of undetermined origin claimed the lives of a mother of five children and her youngest daughter last Friday morning around 9:15 a.m., and destroyed their home on Redhead Lane five miles east of here, off North Down River Road.

Mrs. Judy Johnson, 29, and her daughter, Cindy, 3, were asleep in the same bedroom when the fire broke out, according to Grayling Fire Chief, Joe White.

Mrs. Johnson's husband, Jack, a truck driver for Tarpon Industries, here, was at work and the four other children, aged 10 to 5, were in school.

Although the fire department responded within minutes, with 14 men and 3 trucks answering the call, the house was completely consumed, Chief White said.

The fire was discovered by Glenn Moore, who lives about a mile and one-half away.

Moore told deputies, he spotted the smoke and investigated to find much of the house in flames. He kicked in the door and yelled several times, but there was no answer. He said heat and smoke were too intense for him to enter.

He then went to a neighbors house to call the fire department. The house had nearly burned to the ground by the time they arrived, White said.

Johnson told deputies that he leaves for work at 1:30 a.m., and that his wife usually returned to bed to sleep later after their other children had gone to school.

An investigation is continuing by the State Fire Marshall.

Play To Be Second Only To Opossum Hunt On Grayling Social Calendar This February

In talking with Robert Prouse the director for the River Country Players upcoming production of "HOW GREEN WAS MY BROWNIE" we were pleased to learn that great progress is being made and the play will go on as planned. The first performance will be held on February 28th at 8:00 in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium with a repeat performance on March 2nd same time and place.

We might also add that Wil-

liam B. Mack president of the OPOSSUM HUNTERS ASSN. had this to say in regard to the production. "I feel that this play is going to be such a worthwhile event that I will personally present a free ticket to any person who brings me an opossum tail after the upcoming hunt."

For those not having an opossum tail, tickets may be purchased at the Grayling Mercantile Co. for \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 on a reserved seat basis.

Col. Rutkowski's citation from Gen. Schnipke, by order of the Governor, read,

Colonel Edmund A. Rutkowski distinguished himself by exceptional performance of duty as Camp Commander of Camp Grayling during the period of Nov. 1, 1961-Aug. 11, 1973. He introduced sound management techniques to site support, with a resultant high standard of efficiency in all areas at Camp Grayling. His dynamic and steady influence has motivated his staff to achieve standards of excellence far above normal. His complete understanding of the problems encountered by commanders training troops at Camp Grayling contributed greatly to the successful completion of program. (See Citation on Page 10)

Grayling Delegation To Meet With National Guard Chief

A delegation from Grayling met on Tuesday, Feb. 19th, in Lansing with General Clarence Schnipke, Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard, relative to the decrease in the number of troops using the Camp Grayling training facility this coming summer. It is understood by Crawford County and Grayling officials that the decrease will amount to approximately 50%.

Earl H. Longworth, Chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Executive Manager of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, stated "The Guard is our primary source of revenue during the summer, just as snowmobiles are a primary source of revenue during the winter. With the energy crisis this late fall and winter, our total winter economy is down with no relief in sight for this coming summer, and we were planning on a full contingent of guards to bolster the summer economy."

John H. Alef, President of the Grayling State Bank substantiated the feelings of Longworth, and added "That instead of setting back, doing nothing about the situation, the leaders of the community decided — win, lose, or draw — they were going to make a concerted effort to see if they could increase the number of National Guard units that were coming to Camp Grayling in Summer, 1974."

Included in the delegation with Longworth and Alef were Robert Goinick representing the Grayling City Council, Lawrence Gust of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, and Ronald Fraser representing the business interest.

Bourrie succeeds the late Leonard H. Knibbs, District 5 commissioner and serving this year as vice chairman of the board.

Commissioner Albert Westervelt of Grayling was unanimously elected vice chairman.



PRESENT BUS CHECK — Grayling Booster Club officials Ken Chapp, left, and Irving McIsaac, vice president of the Club, present a check for \$367 to Lora Gould, Director of the Senior Citizens Center. The money, raised by a benefit dinner held recently at the Grayling House, will be used for insurance and maintenance on a new bus recently purchased by the Center. Money for the bus and related expenses has been raised over the past several months through the generosity and cooperation of local citizens. (Avalanche Staff Photo)

Bear Buys Bow String Plant

Due to the shortage of bowstrings in the archery industry, Bear Archery has recently established a bowstring production facility in Niles, Mich.

Bear Archery has purchased Storm Archery, a well-known manufacturer of quality bowstrings based in Windsor, Ill. The machinery and equipment of Storm Archery were moved into the Niles facility and the first Bear bowstring was produced on December 9, 1973.

In addition to making its own bowstrings, Bear Archery will supply other archery manufacturers and retailers with quality bowstrings.

The Niles Plant is being leased to Bear Archery by their parent company, Victor Comptometer Corporation. The one-story plant had formerly been used by Nissen Gymnastic Equipment, another Division of Victor, to manufacture their electronic scoreboard.

The Niles Bowstring Plant, managed by Bob Bitner (see related article), has 20 employees with plans to expand to a total labor force of 25.

Niles population 13,000, is located in Southwestern Michigan.

RSVP Director To Speak At State Workshop

Helen Moon, RSVP Director for Crawford County will be one of 14 persons staffing the Mid-American Consultation-Playshop being held at Adrian College, March 4, 5, and 6. The Playshop is being sponsored by the Leisure-Time Ministries Committee of the West Michigan and Detroit Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church in Michigan. The object of the (See Workshop on Page 5)



Frederic Homecoming In Motion

The Frederic Homecoming Committee met February 2nd at the Sportsmans Hall.

Plans are being made for a Pet Contest and Races for the children. We are also planning a Trout contest and Fly Casting contests. We will have a class reunion for the years of 1934, 1944, 1954 and 1964 and many other events.

The Old Timer Trailer will be back again with many added features. A Historical Research committee was set up with Conrad "Buck" Owens, Merna New-

berry and Kell Charron working on the past history of Frederic and the surrounding area. Anyone having materials to offer contact one of these persons.

Watch for the Primary Ballot for the 1974 Frederic Homecoming Royal Family. The ballots will be available soon at the Frederic business places. Vote often for your choice. All Primary ballots must be in May 1, 1974.

Don't forget to turn out on our next meeting, which is March 5, at the Frederic Sportsmans Club. We need your help and ideas.

Grayling Assigned Class "C" District-Regional Tournaments

Mike Branch, Grayling High School athletic director, announced this week that he has received word from the Michigan High School Athletic Association in Lansing that Grayling has been awarded both the Class "C" district and regional tournaments for the area to take place the first two weeks in March.

The district tournament will be held on March 4-6, with the regional tournament scheduled for March 12-15. All games will be played in the Grayling Middle School gym.

Drawing for the district tournament will be held here on Monday afternoon, Feb. 25th. Teams assigned for district play by the MHSAA are: Houghton Lake, Kalkaska, Lincoln-Alcona, Roscommon, Whittemore, Prescott and Grayling.

According to Mr. Branch, tournament manager, two games will be played on Monday, Mar. 4, and Wednesday, Mar. 6. The first game will start at 7:00 p.m. and the second at 8:30. The championship game on Friday, Mar. 8 will start at 7:30 p.m.

In the regional "C" tournament, Grayling will be hosting the winners from four districts. Assigned here will be teams from the Beaverton, Boyne City, Reed City and the Grayling districts.

Advance pairing for the regional play was made in Lansing in the office of Allen W. Bush, State Director of Athletics.

The Beaverton district winner will meet the Boyne City district champs on Tuesday, Mar. 12 with the Reed City winner meeting the survivor of Grayling's district on Wednesday, Mar. 13.

Winners of these two games will play for the championship on Friday, Mar. 15, and the right to move on to the quarterfinal round of the state high school basketball tournament.

All regional games will start at 7:30 p.m. Admission to all the district and regional games has been set by the state and will be, adults \$1.50 and \$1.00 for students.

AT CHEBOYGAN FRIDAY

Boyne Dumps Vikings

The Boyne City Ramblers left little doubt in the minds of the Grayling Vikings as to why they have surged to the top of the MHS standings when they defeated the local cagers a 72-51 defeat last Friday.

In other league games, St. Ignace and Cheboygan remained tied for second, one game behind the Ramblers, as the Saints dumped Gaylord, 89-67, and the Chiefs defeated Rogers City, 65-50. The Petoskey - Charlevoix game was postponed until Tuesday of this week.

The Vikings have two games remaining on their schedule before they enter the state basketball tournaments as the host team in the districts to be held here March 4-6.

This Friday, the Vikings will be on the road when they travel to Cheboygan for a league contest with the Chiefs, and will wrapup their season play on Friday, March 1, when they entertain the Gaylord Blue Devils.

Grayling stayed in the ballgame the first half with the Ramblers, when they trailed 14-12 in the first period, and were down 28-22 at halftime. In the (See Basketball on Page 5)

Contest For Prince-Princess

Vote for the candidate of your choice at the Ben Franklin Family Center and Grayling State Bank. So far we have had very good response at both locations. Crowning of the royal pair will take place at the Easter Parade of Fashions - Fashion Show (sponsored by Grayling Co-op Nursery School) to be held at the High School Auditorium on March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds will go to the Grayling Co-op Nursery School and Crawford AuSable Elementary School.

Bitner Named Production Mgr. At Niles Plant



The appointment of Robert M. Bitner as Niles Production Manager for Bear Archery, Division Victor Comptometer Corporation has been announced by Alan E. Beatty, Bear Archery Executive Vice President.

Bitner, who has been employed by Bear Archery for five years, will be responsible for the new bowstring operation in Niles, Mich. He has been involved in archery manufacturing for 16 years and the sport of archery for 23 years.

Bitner Professional Archers' Association National Champion in 1958, holds several state archery titles in addition to the distinction of having shot the first perfect (300) round in professional tournament competition. He has been a member of the Professional Archers' Association (PAA) since 1962. The PAA is archery's equivalent of golf's PGA.

"We're happy that Bob Bitner has agreed to make this move to Niles for Bear Archery," stated Mr. Beatty. "With Bob's experience in archery, he is well qualified to supervise the manufacture of quality bowstrings. He certainly knows the importance of this product."

Bitner and his wife, Joan, have three children, Tim, 13, Nancy, 11, and Jean, 8.

4-H Meeting

Can you believe it is almost time for another general meeting. Those of us who were at the January meeting are still having awesome thoughts about the beautiful work done by eight of our High School tumbling acrobats. We hope they know how much we appreciated their efforts.

And, glory be! We finally had a large enough attendance to elect officers. Linda Lee was chosen for president; Joe Lee, as vice-president, and Jerry Hawkins as our secretary. Let's give them our support by attending meetings.

Those of you who are 4-H'ers at heart, but did not get in a project; remember, this meeting is for you. So we hope to see you at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27th, in the basement meeting room of the Court House.

Mrs. Earl Burns
Crawford County 4-H Chrm.

Mercy Hospital Accredited by Joint Commission

Mercy Hospital and the Long-Term Skilled Care Facility have been accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH) according to Sister Mary Hilda, Administrator.

This accreditation, which covers from February 1, 1974 to February 1 1976, is the result

of an on-site survey made by field representatives of the Joint Commission's Hospital Accreditation Program (JAP). Accreditation indicates that this facility has chosen to operate according to standards set by JCAH and that the facility has, in the main, met these standards.

The standards, published as

the "Accreditation Manual for Hospitals", set forth optimal achievable goals of excellence against which a facility can measure itself and be measured by the Joint Commission's survey.

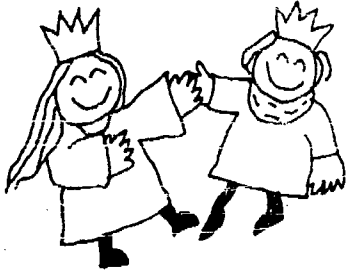
Mercy Hospital is one of approximately 4,900 general hospitals throughout the U. S. that (See Hospital on Page 10)

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK
DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, near Frederickburg, Virginia.
The American flag was planted by six U.S. Marines in Iwo Jima, February 23, 1945.
Manila was liberated by American troops, February 24, 1945.
Enrico Caruso, famous operatic tenor, was born February 25, 1873.
Grand Canyon National Park was established by Congress on February 26, 1919.
John Steinbeck, famous American novelist, was born on February 27, 1902.
Civil liberties were suppressed by the Nazi government in Germany on February 28, 1933.

THE PRINCE & PRINCESS
CONTEST

VOTE
NOW



Vote for your favorite candidate
until March 1st. Semi-
finalists voting from March 4th to March 15th.

Winter Band and Vocal Concert

Crawford AuSable Middle School Gym
February 26, 1974 — 7:00 p.m.

The Saints Go Marching In _____ Negro Spiritual
How Can I Leave Thee _____ Thuringian Folk Tune
Abide With Me _____ William Monk
Billy Boy _____ Traditional

(Solos by first chair players)
5th Grade Band

Trio, from "Corcoran Cadets' March" _____ Sousa
Columbine — Cornet Solo _____ Mary Stewart
Jupiter Overture _____ Orton
Love Theme from "The Godfather" _____ Rota
The Big Rock _____ Lauder

6th Grade Band

Scarborough Fair _____ Trad. Eng. Ballad
Tie a Yellow Ribbon _____ Levine & Brown
People _____ Merrill & Styne

Girls Glee Club

Song Sung Blue _____ Popular
Put your Hand in the Hand _____ Jewish Folk Song
Yesterday _____ Beatles
This Train _____ Folk Song
Bridge Over Troubled Water _____ Simon and Garfunkle
Tumbalalaika _____ Gene MacLellan
I'd Like to Teach _____ Cook and Greenway

Choir and Glee Club

Roll on Columbia _____ Woody Guthrie
My Dame _____ "Tongue Twister"
Wells Fargo Wagon _____ From "Music Man"

Mixed Choir

Song from Mash _____ Mandel
Cracker Jacks _____ DeLamater
(Cornet Trio - Skip Olson, Tom Whaley, Jack Stevens)
The Court of Henry VIII _____ Caccavas
A Taste of Honey _____ Scott
Hawaii Five O _____ Stevens

Junior High Band

Linda Townsend — Vocal
LeRoy H. Christian — Instrumental

BOWLING LEAGUES

American - 2nd Div.	
1. Vaughn's Sunoco	15
2. Grayling Mold	13
3. Sportsman's Club	12
4. 4-Pack	11
5. Holey's Service	8
6. Parker's Survey	8
7. Union 76	7
8. Stewart Sandwiches	6
High series: K. Helsel, 555; R. Mudge, 520; J. Dunlow, 498.	
High game: J. Dunlow, 211; B. Dennison, 194; T. SauCartier, 194.	

National - 1st Div.	
1. Gambles	10
2. Tarpon	9
3. Bear Archery	6
4. Spur Gas	6
5. Airport Auto	4
6. Parsons Adv.	2
High series: W. Reinhardt, 603; D. LaMotte, 587; R. Mudge, 563.	
High game: A. Worden, 226; D. LaMotte, 223; R. Mudge, 220.	

National - 2nd Div.	
1. Grayling V.W.	19
2. R & H Sports	18
3. General Tel.	15
4. Cornell's	12
5. Caid's Grocery	10
6. Sam's Auto Parts	9
7. Fuelgas	7
8. Legion Lanes	6
High series: A. Taylor, 570; J. Dannenberg, 565; J. Rasmuson, 563.	
High game: J. Rasmuson, 203; A. Taylor, 203, 201, M. Bartel, 201.	

Niteowl Mixed Doubles	
1. H & R Tree Service	13
2. Alley Cats	12
3. The Swingers	10
4. El Taco	9
5. Grease City	9
6. Flying Dutchmen	4
7. Midnight Specials	4
8. Marshall Law	3
High series, women: B. Helsel, 458; B. Helsel, 453; E. Helsel, 431.	
High game, women: C. Berg, 178; B. Helsel, 178; B. Helsel, 167.	
High series, men: R. Sanders, 549; R. Perez, 508; C. Clark, 506.	
High game, men: R. Perez, 214; M. Hettlinger, 201; R. Sanders, 197.	

Northwood League	
1. Joy Lynn Ceramics	16
2. Don's Pipe Shop	15
3. Bear Archery	15
4. Greene's Party Store	13
5. Bob's Car Wash	11
6. Laurine's	9
7. Holiday Inn	9
8. Safari Lounge	8
High game: B. Canfield, 201; M. Neal, 182; G. O'Connor, 179.	
High series: G. O'Connor, 501; J. Rasmuson, 483; B. Canfield, 467.	

Sunday Mixed Doubles	
1. Miller's Tires	20
2. Farm Bureau	19
3. Decker's Fixit Shop	15
4. Beaver Bend Lodge	13
5. R & H Sports	12 1/2
6. Big Wheel	12
7. General Tel.	11 1/2
8. Luzerne Hardware	9
High series, men: K. Helsel, 568; B. Cox, 523; F. Goltick, 506.	
High game, men: K. Helsel, 210, 203; K. Moore, 191; B. Cox, 166.	
High series, women: A. Moore, 485; L. Tobin, 466; B. Ingalls, 463.	
High game, women: A. Moore, 193; L. Tobin, 190; B. Pratt, 175.	

Pioneer League	
1. Millikin Const.	14
2. Al's Gais	12 1/2
3. Dawsons	12
4. Sorensens	9 1/2
5. Vaughn's Sunoco	9
6. Cornells	8
7. Avalanche	8
8. Small's Electric	7
High series: A. Latusek, 508; J. Hoffman, 500; B. Worden, 496.	
High game: A. Latusek, 195; N. Millikin, N. Cox, 182; J. Hoffman, R. Wells, 177.	

Recreation League	
1. Grayling Bank	17
8. Culligan Soft Water	16
3. AuSable Hotel	16
4. Dingmans Tavern	15
5. Lovells Bar	14
6. Bay City Times	13
7. Olsons	13
8. R & H Sports Center	12
9. Bills Laundry	12
10. Ski Whit Snowmobiles	10
11. Recreationalis	10
12. Wag-On-Inn	10
13. Glens Market	10
14. Kozy Korners	9
15. Legion Lanes	9
16. Rochettes	6
High series: C. Barrow, 539; B. LaChappelle, 517; M. Harwood, 515.	
High game: C. Barrow, B. LaChappelle, 211; P. Kozicki, 208; C. Gust, 189.	

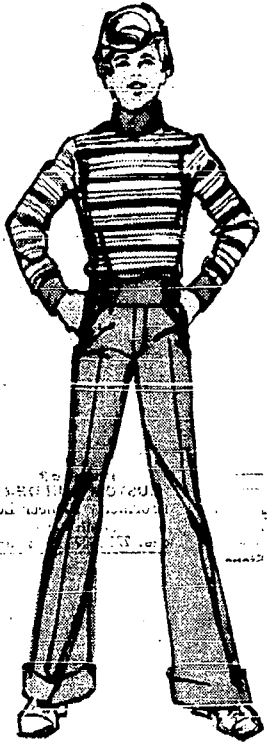
Senior Citizens	
1. Mac's Drug	18
2. Gambles	8
3. First Savings	7
4. R & H Sports	6
5. Glen's Mkt.	4
6. Kelloggs Corners	3
High series, men: D. Cook, 499; E. J. Cooper, 457; B. Campbell, 461.	
High game, men: T. Tosto, 207; B. Campbell, 183; G. Foltz, 180.	
High series, women: L. McCormick, 455; L. Davis, 435; M. Foltz, 429.	
High game, women: V. Lesperance, 170; L. McCormick, 170; L. Davis, 165.	

Punch Line of the Week	
SUMMER RESORT: WHERE GIRLS LOOK FOR HUSBANDS AND HUSBANDS LOOK FOR GIRLS.	

TODAY'S ANSWER	
1. KEN	2. LIT
3. ENE	4. TIT
5. ENE	6. TIT
7. ENE	8. TIT
9. ENE	10. TIT
11. ENE	12. TIT
13. ENE	14. TIT
15. ENE	16. TIT
17. ENE	18. TIT
19. ENE	20. TIT
21. ENE	22. TIT
23. ENE	24. TIT
25. ENE	26. TIT
27. ENE	28. TIT
29. ENE	30. TIT
31. ENE	32. TIT
33. ENE	34. TIT
35. ENE	36. TIT

CROSSWORD PUZZLE	
ACROSS	DOWN
1. Bowling score	1. Aleutian island
6. Irish county in Leinster	4. "Squealer"
11. Sacrificial site	5. Caustic event
12. — nous	6. Track event
13. Sociable (comp. wd.)	7. Amuse
14. Sporting event	8. Belgian commune
15. Water (Fr.)	9. Three in Italia
16. Satisfy	10. Not him
17. Townsman	11. Sporting event
18. Gather	12. Receipts
22. "Why Can't You —?"	13. Natural enemies
25. Biblical weed	14. To home-steaders
26. Grandiloquent	15. Compass point
27. Clan group	16. Comedian Johnson
28. Riverside deposit	21. Hammer part
29. Blanch	
30. Convince; sway	
31. Chinese dynasty	
32. Earl of Avon	
34. Wee taste	
37. Mutual benefit (2 wds.)	
41. Foreign	
42. Actress Drew	
43. Swiss city	
44. Compare	
DOWN	
1. Turkey-dressing ingredient	
2. "Not guilty," for example	

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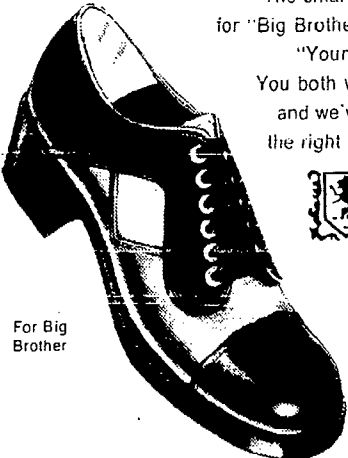
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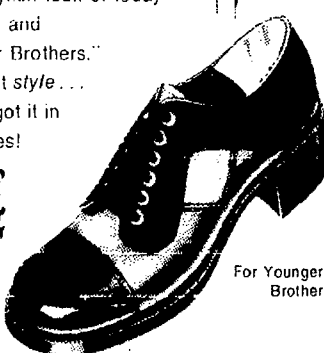


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Grayling State Bank

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

WILL MEET ON MARCH 11th AND 12th
AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL FROM 9 A.M. to
4 P.M. TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS.

	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Real	45.13	1.11
Personal	49.97	1.01

EVELYN BATES
Township Clerk

WILLIAM KOERNKE
Supervisor

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

WILL MEET ON MARCH 11th AND 12th
FROM 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP
HALL TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS.

	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Real	44.25	1.14
Personal	50.02	1.00

LOIS MURPHY
Township Clerk

RICHARD SCHAEFFER
Supervisor

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

WILL MEET ON MARCH 11th AND 12th
FROM 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. AT THE GRAYLING
CITY HALL TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS.

	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Real	34.53	1.45
Personal	50.44	1.00

ELIZABETH WIELAND
Township Clerk

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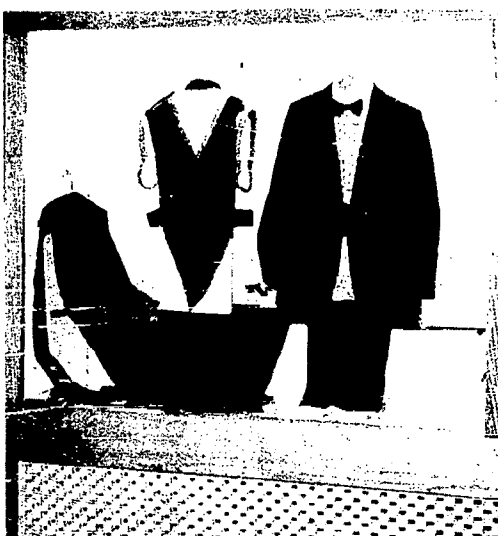
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GHS BAND UNIFORMS — This new, dual purpose Grayling High School Band Uniform is now on display in the cafeteria of the new school. The uniforms are scheduled to arrive the week of April 15, and donations are still being accepted, according to Band Booster President Jim Crawford.

Look At State Land Purchases

By Willard Bosserman
County Extension Director

The early part of December I wrote an article explaining the opposition to senate bill number 419, by the Michigan Association of Conservation Ecologists. This is the bill which would require the state to buy all of the private land which may be zoned under state law to prevent development.

I still do not think the bill should be passed as it stands, but it has some merit. Maybe we should look at why senator Joseph Mack submitted the bill.

Two recent acts prompted senator Mack to have the bill written. The shorelands act empowers the Department of Natural Resources to identify high risk erosion areas and wetlands vital to fish and wildlife. If local units of government fail to adopt zoning controls on these lands by next April the Department of Natural Resources must then control their use.

The Natural Resources Act allows the Natural Resources Commission to identify wild rivers and limit use of land within 500 feet of the bank.

What Sen. Mack is saying is if the state is going to control the land, thereby limiting the private land owners use of the land, then the state should buy it.

I am not sure the property owners were consulted about whether they would still like to own the land even though their use of it was limited.

The extent of controls would be a deciding factor. Some land owners would accept the new restrictions and learn to live with them. Others would feel that the

Road Commissioners Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners held in their office in Grayling, Chairman Richter presiding. Members present, Commissioners Ervin E. Richter, Harold T. Johnson and Lawrence Mattis, and Engineer Manager John M. Keir. Absent, none.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read. A motion was made by Comm. Johnson, supported by Comm. Mattis that the minutes be approved as read. All voted in favor, motion carried.

A copy of the agreement between Teamsters Local 214 and the Crawford County Road Commission was approved and signed by the Commissioners.

Engr. Mgr. Keir reported on his meeting with Fred Eggan, Traffic Engineer of the Department of Highways and Sergeant L. Gerard of the State Police in regard to a speed control zone at the new high school. Engr. Mgr. Keir was directed to write a letter to the Michigan State Police supporting the contention of a 35 M.P.H. speed zone as requested by Mr. Bill Joseph, of the Crawford - AuSable District Board of Education.

Equipment needs for 1974 were discussed and Engr. Mgr. Keir was directed to prepare specifications and bid notice for one (1) heavy truck replacement.

John Hawkins, Miller Equipment Company, appeared before the Board.

There being no further business a motion was made and supported to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried meeting adjourned.

/s/ Ervin E. Richter, Chrm.
/s/ Florence S. Douglas, Sec'y



Grayling Twp. Minutes

Regular Meeting
February 12, 1974

All Board Members were present. Others present — Mary Harland.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Minutes of the last regular meeting were corrected to include the appointment of David Wyman as member of the Board of Appeals. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers report was approved as given.

The following resolution was adopted and the Supervisor and Clerk were authorized to sign same:

WHEREAS: the Grayling Township Board believes that the best interest of Grayling Township and its residents would be best served by the creation of a Mutual Fire Protection Agreement with the City of Grayling.

Edmund's Engineering, Inc. of Bay City has been selected as the firm for the proposed sewer and water project.

Approval was granted to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Crawford-Roscommon Soil Conservation District and Grayling Township for assistance in soil and water planning and development.

Bills as presented on vouchers 700-710, 712-713, 715-722 & 724 in the amount of \$1836.44 were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned.
Elizabeth H. Wieland
Township Clerk

School Board Minutes

February 11, 1974

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph at 7:30 p.m. Members Present: Joseph, Johnson, Madill, Wyman, Harwood and Smock. Absent: Kolka. Also present: Supt. Dean, P. Lerg, L. Jaruzel, Janice Williams, Carol Case, Shaun Carpenter, Roger Palmer, Liz Valdek, Dan Weaver, Judy Armstrong, June Tenniswood, K. Reddy, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stephan, Harold Hatfield, Jackie Kaiser, Wendy Feldhauser, Gary McClain, Gary Barrow, Bob Howie, Thelma Brozo, Sandy Kelly, Pam Williams, Norma Naour, Cathy Bloomquist, Robert Prause, John Wilcox, Joseph Whaley, Bernadine Dosch, Ann Dosch, B. Henig, Mary Liz McNamara, Walter Kozicki, Curt Jansen, Nancy Rosenberg, Howard Taylor, Kent Reynolds, Lois and Bernie Morningstar, Velma LaMotte, Ted Kockler, Eve Patterson, Earl & Loretta Whaley, Elaine Harland, Stan and Joan Woodman, John Huss and Fred Johnson.

Minutes of the Jan. 14, 1974 meeting were approved as corrected.

The meeting now moved to the auditorium to hear citizens on the Camp Lehigh issue. (Kolka now present). After discussion the meeting moved back to the conference room. Motion by Madill that we ask for another guard from Camp Lehigh, supported by Harwood. Motion withdrawn. Moved by Madill, supported by Harwood that we ask Camp Lehigh authorities to furnish an additional guard and that we direct the Community School Director to tighten security and further control movement of the Camp Lehigh students at all times. Roll call: Harwood, aye; Wyman, aye; Madill, aye; Smock, aye; Kolka, aye; Johnson, aye; Joseph, aye. Carried.

Treasurer report was presented and accepted.

Moved by Kolka, supported by Smock that we pay bills 6494 through 6586 (general fund), in the amount of \$139,544.38. Motion carried; all voting aye.

Moved by Kolka, supported by Madill that we pay bills 435 thru 458 (Bldg. & Site No. 2) in the amount of \$11,387.97. Motion carried; all voting aye.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Camp Lehigh (above)

2. Request for payment Vandor Meiden & Koteles — Request presented and denied.

3. Correspondence — Vandor Meiden & Koteles — Tabled until a later date.

4. Gideon Bibles — Moved by Harwood, supported by Kolka that parents be contacted and return a signed form if they want their child to have a Gideon Bible. Motion carried; all voting aye.

5. Negotiating Team — Moved by Smock, supported by Harwood that Madill and Kolka be on the negotiating team. Motion carried; all voting aye.

6. Salary Committee — Smock, Joseph and Wyman appointed.

Moved by Wyman, supported by Smock that we hold our March 11, 1974, meeting in Fredric Elementary School. Motion carried; all voting aye.

Items of discussion — Two way radios for buses (Information to be mailed to members, House building project, School Board Administrators Conference attended by Dean, Joseph, Wyman and Lerg, an activity bus next year, basketball program and gym shoes, Mr. Reynolds talked about the Peer Counseling Program being formulated.

Adjourned at 10:05 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Johnson, Secretary
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STIMULATE READING HABIT — Pictured above is some of Mr. Brigham's 4th grade reading class. They are spending 2 or 3 class periods a week reading from papers donated by the Crawford County Avalanche. By reading from the local newspaper, the students can learn more about the community, current events and prices than they can from their 4th grade Weekly Reader. Hopefully, by the end of this school year, the students may have developed enough interest in newspapers to continue reading during the summer months.

Concert

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Piccolo soloist Marie Harris will be featured during the number. The Class B required number to be played by the Grayling Band, "Overture in B flat" by Caesar Giovanni, offers some nice melodies swapped between the brass and woodwind sections, and a few interesting chordal sequences. The selected number for the festival, "The Seventh Seal," by W. Francis McRee, was among the preliminary list for the Class A required numbers this year, and promises to keep you at the edge of your seat till the final chords.

Other numbers to be performed by the band include a saxophone quartet by Bonnie Kequom, Dennis Theaker, Gary Beatty, and Terri Crawford, and the concert band performing "Second Suite in F for Military Band" by Gustav Holst, and "Highlights from Man of La Mancha," arranged by Frank Erickson.

This is a concert you won't want to miss, to be held in Joseph Stripe Auditorium in the new High School. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and .50 for students. Children under 12 are admitted free, but must be accompanied by an adult. See you there.

Workshop

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Conference is two-fold: 1) to explore the theological and sociological backgrounds of the leisure revolution; and 2) to present workshops designed to help local community leaders to deal with the leisure revolution.

Mrs. Moon will be presenting several play-workshops concerning Senior Citizens and Leisure-time. She has been asked to help other communities learn how to enable Senior Citizens to use their time and talents for good, rather than waste them through inactivity. Pat Babcock, Director of Services to the Aging for the State of Michigan will attend to speak on the state's role to Senior Citizens and to answer questions on funds available for programs for the elderly.

Other participants in the Conference will include: Dr. David Miller, author of "God and Games"; James Hall of the East Michigan Tourist Assoc., and leaders from New York, Tennessee, Indiana and Michigan. Lay persons and clergy from many denominations and four states are expected to attend.

Persons interested in attending the Consultation-Playshop may obtain further information from its registrar: Rev. Paul Frederick, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling. Deadline for registration is February 28th.

Campaign

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from the committee for her outstanding years of service as secretary.

Maureen McNamara was elected secretary, effective immediately.

The campaign will begin locally February 27th. Mrs. Gould will speak at the Rotary Club on that date.

The letters will be mailed by R.S.V.P. volunteers with information furnished by Mrs. Gould. The school campaign will be handled by Johanna Gorman and Marge Haugh.

Coffee day committee is Betty Madsen, Edris Sorenson, Shirley Lambert and Annabelle Armstrong.

Canisters will be distributed by Norma Hull, Betty Smith, Shirley Linendoll, Annabelle Armstrong and Mildred Johnson.

Easter Lily Corgage committee will be Joan Woodman, Maureen McNamara and Ruth Caid. The corgages are being made by R.S.V.P. Volunteers under the direction of Mrs. Josie McEvers.

A new special event, "Turn the Wheels for Easter Seals," Melvin Nunn and Lora Gould.

Connie Vaughn, publicity. Ann Giffin and Mitch Linendoll are on the Crawford County Easter Seal appeal letter for this year.

We know you will want to help us with this year's campaign to raise funds to help the handicapped.

Volunteer Aid Program

"HELP ME READ"

"I'm too busy." "Why should I GIVE my spare time? I have little enough of it as it is." "I spend hours each week trying to help my own children with their homework, and get nowhere — I certainly couldn't help anyone else!" "I'd volunteer, but what if they asked me to do something that I can't do?"

Have you ever asked yourself any of these questions? If you have TERRIFIC... for they are very good questions!

In these times there are few of us who are not busy. Spare time is at a premium and at one time or another each has wondered "where has the day gone?" Yet... when something important comes along — somehow the time is found. Working as a volunteer aid the hours are very flexible. It's up to you! You can work a few hours a month or a few hours a day. BUT — dependability is important... each job is important, and has to get done! Schools go by the clock... you would be expected to fit your time to the schedule to which you agree.

If you have found it impossible to help your child with his/her homework, you are not alone. In fact, many parents find it difficult helping their children. This is one reason volunteers never work with their own child, and why volunteers give a student the extra help needed during the school day. This works better for the aid too, as a qualified teacher is there to help you as well as the student.

Making mistakes and being afraid you will be asked to do something you cannot do or have forgotten over the years are common fears... easily overcome. Teachers and staff are aware that volunteers are (for the most part) not professionals. They view the volunteer aid as an interested caring person who will from time to time run into problems. When these problems arise they are extremely helpful. Volunteers are amazed to find that TEACHING IS LEARNING. Learning new skills (as well as renewing old ones). These skills may lead to a career working with children. Learning more about your child by acquainting yourself with his school world, which is changing every day. Learning about your

community... its needs as reflected in its schools.

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Get out and join your local educational team.

In the United States there are over two million school volunteers today working with five million children — and there is a place and need for YOU!!!

If you would like more information concerning the Volunteer Aid Program in the Crawford County Schools please contact Irene Pettyjohn at 348-7641.

EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

February 15, 1974

Dear Whitey:

Just a note to thank the citizen who wrote to you last week regarding street name signs.

This subject has been a matter of discussion at the City Council meetings for some time now as past minutes will indicate. We are in the process of trying to find signs which will be as attractive as possible and which will require as little maintenance as possible to keep them in shape. Our major problem in the past has been vandalism directed at these signs, particularly in the downtown area.

We will be placing new signs sometime this spring and would urge all citizens to make us aware if and when signs become damaged in the future. We estimate that about one half of the City's intersections will be getting new signs this year with a complete change over to the new signs as the older ones become unusable.

Thank you for your help in informing the citizens. Very truly yours, /s/ Jerry W. Morford City Manager

Held Assembly Here

Delegates to the two-day regional assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses held in Grayling this past weekend have returned to their various homes in northern lower Michigan.

Donald Nardin, the presiding minister of the Grayling congregation, stated that, "there were persons representing 23 congregations attending the convention." He also indicated that, "those in attendance included 48 newly ordained ministers who symbolized their dedication to God's will by water baptism." A total of 1,639 heard the main discourse Sunday afternoon delivered by J. Waddington, district supervisor.

What - Where - When

1st Monday: River Country Players meet at Chief Shoppenagons at 7:30.

2nd and 4th Thursday: Eagles club meets at American Legion Hall at 8:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Thurs.: Eagles Auxiliary meeting at Grayling Sportsman Club, 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 21: Pack 993 Pack meeting, Blue and Gold Banquet, 6:30 p.m. (Note the time change.)

Grayling Elementary School.

Feb. 23: Saturday, Crawford County Motel and Resort Association are having a rummage sale. Old Bank building, 10:00 A.M. — 10:00 P.M.

Feb. 27: Crawford Grange will have a Social night with Potluck Dinner at 6:30. Member bring a friend.

March 2: Chili Supper, given by Grayling Chapter No. 83 O.E.S. Price \$1.25 at Masonic Temple.

March 5: Frederic Homecoming meeting 8:00 P.M. Frederic Sportsman Hall.

March 7: Pack 993 Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

Jack Pine's Stump



Oh, ye doubters! Ye of little faith. Hie thee unto that Great Marble Monument to Human Perfidy known as Washington, D.C. — but leave us 'Possum hunters of Crawford County to our long, and dearly-held, knowledge of the creature and integrity in the Great February Hunt. Even such an authority as the Bay City Times has published an article on the Event, and two TV stations have expressed interest in news coverage. These Smart People know a good deal when they see one.

Anyway, many dedicated citizens have asked that I find out more about the Hunt and the animal. Well, first I would suggest that those wishing to view an Opossum skin visit Al and Jessie's Steak Haus deep in Grayling's Inner City. The proprietor has one on display. The animal hide is minus a tail, and ly, but this is understandable. The Opossum generally is found in areas further to the south, but in recent times has apparently started to migrate to the north where it feeds on stuff our departed deer didn't know about when they moved out a few years ago. Well, Al's Opossum, like all Opossums, sleeps hanging by its tail from a tree limb. This improves circulation of blood to the brain, as any idiot who has hung by his tail well knows. But, Mother Nature is cruel, and our early Opossums did not grow tails sturdy enough to withstand our severe Crawford County winter nights. Spending all night with your tail curled around a tree limb in sub-zero weather can be most dan-

gerous, and many is the poor 'possum who has fallen from his branch only to discover that his frozen tail is still neatly twisted around his perch. This, of course, is what we mean up here when we say, "It's cold enough to freeze your tail off."

It all started with the Opossum. But the diligent researcher can go back into English literature and find an even earlier reference to this strange cold weather problem of the Opossum. It is reported that the great William Shakespeare himself, while walking in the forest which borders England's Avon River near Stratford, glanced upward, seeking inspiration, and saw a frozen Opossum tail securely wrapped around an oak limb. He promptly returned to his cottage and wrote words which live even today, "... and thereby hangs a tale." The word "tale" has a different meaning now, but then Willie was never known for his spelling accuracy anyway. (Come to think of it, so does the other spelling.)

The origin of the name Opossum is also interesting. Rumor has it that the creature was originally discovered in Ireland by a native who eked out a living growing, drying, powdering and selling herbs and roots to his neighbors in his community. His name was O'Possum — Larry O'Possum, in fact. Being possessed of the usual amount of Irish pride, he promptly named the animal after himself and set about trapping and raising them and freezing off their tails to use in his Patent Medicines. Well, all this was very intriguing to Old Jack Pine, so he visited a local Irish Leprechaun who makes his living in much the same manner as his ancestors. He was violent in his attempts to deny the story. He ranted that any self-respecting Irishman would NEVER allow the " " to be removed from the Opossum. Thus the Opossum was never Irish in the first place. He did offer the suggestion that such a story was probably started in Gaylord, which has a high percentage of European people of another ethnic extraction. To quote Willie S. again, "Me-thinks he protesteth too much!"

In all seriousness, thanks to those who have joined the Association. Your contributions will be well used by a local needy group to ease pain, provide aid and show love. And you readers in Florida — send your contributions, too. From what we hear up here, you can't spend it on gasoline! Have a good week and let's make this the biggest Opossum February ever!

—JACK PINE

Kirtland Honors List

Recognition for outstanding scholarship has been extended to 44 Kirtland students named to the President's and Dean's lists for the fall semester.

Placement for the President's list is accorded full-time students who earn a 4.0 grade point average, which is the highest mark on the Kirtland Community College grading scale. Placement on the Dean's list is accorded full-time students who earn 3.5 grade point average or better. Deborah A. Rutkowski, of Grayling, was named to the President's List.

Julie Ann Golinick of Grayling, was named to the Dean's List, along with Michael A. Roper, Jonathon F. Schultz, Mary C. Hunter, and Terry D. Valdick, all of Grayling.

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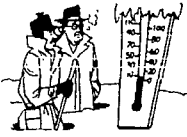
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Adapting To Cold Weather

When it comes to bearing up under the nation's current fuel shortage, those researchers who should know have been explaining that there is both good and bad news.

First the bad news. It is known that if a human stays inactive in a room heated to 80 degrees — higher than he would normally set his thermostat — he will eventually become chilled as 80 degrees is too far below human body temperature.

Now the good news. Man is capable of surviving even in frigid climates with a minimum of clothing and shelter, ultimately remaining comfortable in temperatures that would make most city-dwellers shiver.

The Australian aborigine, for example, sleeps naked in night temperatures that are close to freezing, and the primitive Indians of Tierra del Fuego wore no clothes to protect them from icy winds and rain until civilization intruded.

Dr. P. F. Scholander, one of the world's leading experts in cold physiology, has explained the phenomenon this way: "As to the notion that man does not acclimate to cold — this is for the birds."

Still, it has been found that adjustment to cold is a highly individual matter with those people who are used to a colder climate able to bear the lower temperatures more successfully.

But won't cold temperatures and getting chilled bring on the common cold? Here, there is good and bad news, too.

Studies have shown that getting chilled will definitely not cause the common cold. And that's good.

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Editor's Mailbox

February 11, 1974

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Longworth,

My husband and I are very proud and grateful that the judges of the recent window painting contest agreed that our daughter's group should take first place. For this we wish to thank all who were responsible. However, it does seem to me that a better place than a bar could have been chosen to present the awards. In my opinion this was ridiculous and in extremely poor taste. We are constantly trying to teach our children to keep their minds and bodies strong and healthy thru proper diet and good, clean competitive sports. Speaking for our personal family we are trying very hard also to bring our children up in a Christian-Christ centered - home.

I do hope you understand how this "goes against the grain" when one of our children wins an award and then we are subjected to sitting in a place that we thoroughly disapprove of one hour waiting for the presentation to begin and then the better part of another hour until they are completed, etc. When we were called we were just told to go to Bear Mountain and where a crowd was — that would be where the awards were being presented. We went all over the warming house, dining room, etc. before we found someone who knew anything about it. The thought went thru my mind this was deliberate to drum up business for Bear Mountain. People will buy drinks while waiting. I don't know when I have felt so uncomfortable in a place.

I do hope that next year you will take into consideration how some of the recipients of these awards might feel as to where they are asked to accept them. Let's follow through with what we are trying to teach our children and young adults instead of encouraging them to frequent these places.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Knowles

February 14, 1974

Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Knowles

706 Chestnut Street

Grayling, Mich. 49738

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Knowles:

We thank you for your letter of February 11th personally addressed to us at the Chamber of Commerce office with regard to certain segments of the 49th Annual Winter Sports Festival. We appreciate the fact that you wrote to tell us of your feelings regarding recognition of the window painting contest held as a part of the Festival. We share your pride and gratefulness to those people who worked so hard to put together the Student Window Art Contest; namely, Jan Olson and Dale Nichols. Of course, we are also grateful to all the students who participated and helped to make the program a success; though we are sure that more could have participated. The students who did participate did a fine job, and the judges (who gave of their free time) had a very difficult assignment.

As for the Awards Presentation and the apparent difficulty you encountered to find the exact location of the Awards . . . if you had checked with the desk at Bear Mt. Lodge you would have been directed to the proper place, but further (100) flyers were displayed around the area outlining the exact events and time schedules for each. Presentation of Awards shown were Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Bear Mt. Lodge — and Sunday at 3:00 p.m., Bear Mt. Lodge.

We can share your concern over the lounge area where the awards were presented . . . however, as inappropriate as you may have thought it was it is difficult to find a place with speaker system and area for people to sit or be inside out of the cold where the awards could be presented without transporting people to the County or City Buildings for as good an area for presentation where recognition can be paid, people can hear as well as see the presentations.

The Awards were kept to a minimum time and could not have lasted more than 25-30 minutes. So had you checked the schedule sheet, you could have arrived right at the scheduled time and not been subjected to two hours of waiting in the lounge. Or . . . there were other events taking place, with our young people involved, all over Bear Mt. and we are sure that you would have enjoyed watching and supporting them while you waited for the Awards Presentation.

We cannot agree with you that Bear Mt. deliberately did this to drum up business for drinks in the Lounge. The Management at Bear Mt., as well as their staff, worked very hard with the Festival . . . they were cooperative and tried in every way to be an integral part of Grayling's Celebration. It is this attitude of US against BEAR MT., that will defeat us all in the end. Over the years many people have worked hard at the Winter Sports Park and then Bear Mt. — it is a part of our Community and a necessary economic basis of our area. We had better wake up and recognize it before it is gone from the scene. Enough said on the subject, but if you would like to visit our office, we can go into more detail with you.

Your letter is an inspiration to us that there are people who care . . . do care enough and can you get your other friends, relatives, and acquaintances . . . whether they be part of organizations of churches clubs or individuals . . . to care enough that they want to be a part of a working committee for the 50th Annual Winter Sports Festival which will take place here February 7-9, 1975. This very special birthday should be a significant one, but it would seem that we do have to have enough people who want to work for their area where they live and work gainfully . . . to be a part of a committee to make it a success as well as relevant to our young people, who do participate. The Festival is not just held to bring more people into the stores, shops, and businesses, it is for the participation of the local people. Take part in the scheduled events, and you'll be surprised how much you can enjoy yourself. These events, believe me, are not held in bar lounges. It takes a lot of combined effort on the part of people to make anything successful, and with some new, fresh ideas such as yours we believe the 50th Festival could be a great year.

Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, we do appreciate your letter, and the fact that you care enough to have taken time to personally write us, as well as the CRAWFORD COUNTY AVA LANCHE. We hope that what we have said in this letter is constructive also . . . last week was an 80-hour week or a combined total of 160 hours for the two of us . . . and we would hate to total up how many hours were spent by various committee members . . . which also proves that we too care . . .

Sincerely,

Earl H. Longworth,
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Bill and Jenny Taylor

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Probate Court for the
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Estate of Howard H. Mead.
It is Ordered that on February 22, 1974, at 10:00 a. m. in the Probate Courtroom Grayling, Michigan a hearing be held on the petition of Blanche I. Mead Administratrix of the estate of Howard H. Mead for allowance of first and final account and for assignment of residue of the estate.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

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By Jim Fitzgerald

A few years ago there was some talk about opening a saloon in the building that formerly housed the Ballentine Dry Goods Co. I immediately protested, claiming such an action would be similar to hiring a harlot to dust the church.

The saloon was never built and I like to think my righteous indignation helped prevent the sacrilege. It is sad enough that there is no longer a Ballentine Dry Goods Co. But it would be pure tragedy if its hallowed walls should be scarred by boozy graffiti and Pabst Blue Ribbon signs.

Ballentine's stood on a prominent corner in downtown Port Huron for hundreds of years, or so it seemed, and never changed. All around it, the world turned to leather and knotty pine, with a chargeplate in every fist and a check-out counter blocking every exit. But, until the 1950's, Ballentine's remained a hushed oasis where elderly women sat down to try on

gloves, and you could hear the soft fingering of fabrics mixed with the slight slap of turning pages in huge pattern books.

And a few times each day you could also hear the exasperated whispers of clerks telling each other the dumb elevator was stuck again.

I operated that rickety elevator in 1943, when I was 17. There were 3 floors plus a basement used only for storage. The elevator traveled through a cage and was therefore exposed to public view at all times, on all floors. I controlled it by pushing a lever to the left for down, to the right for up, and center for stop. I was a chronic daydreamer and sometimes stopped the elevator when it made no sense at all. Thus waiting people on the 2nd floor got long looks at the passengers' legs while 3rd floor waiters counted dandruff.

It was not easy to manipulate the lever so that the car

stopped flush with the floor. I never told passengers to "Watch your step, please." I always told them to either step up or jump down. Once I advised a departing woman to step up and she asked me for a boost. "Maybe you could cup your hands together and give me a foothold," she suggested.

But the ultimate calamity was when I overshot the 3rd floor and got the elevator stuck to the top of the cage. I did this 4 or 5 times a day, thus making me the world champion marooner of passengers.

Passengers often accused me of deserting the ship. You see, to get the elevator unstuck I had to squeeze through the elevator door, jump down to the 3rd floor, and then run down 3 flights of stairs to the basement where the elevator power plant was located.

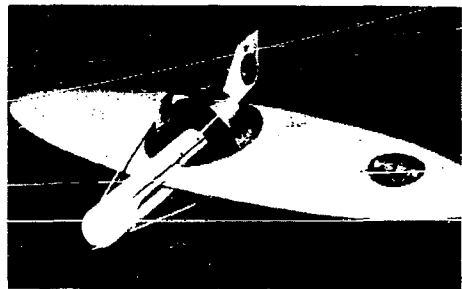
This trip took me from 1 to 3 minutes, depending upon how crowded the stairs were

with people afraid of the elevator. At each landing there would be several clerks wishing me Godspeed. My clear duty was to free the marooned passengers before their cries for help could be heard above the fingering of fabric.

Propped against the elevator motor were 2 sawed-off broom handles, ever ready. I would push these handles against 2 watchamacallits, there would be several sparks, and the elevator would tremble loose and sag slowly downward.

This was a real experience for the suddenly unstuck passengers. For 3 floors I had remote control of their fate and they didn't know what the hell was going on. You should have seen their frightened expressions when they finally descended into the murky basement where I reboarded to once again take physical control of the ship.

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your week ahead BY DR. A.W. DAMIS

Forecast Period: February 24 to March 2

- ARIES**
Mar. 21 - Apr. 19 Your chart, so it seems, looks like a weather map. So, in one form or another, the outdoors or elements - will change your present routine.
- TAURUS**
Apr. 20 - May 20 Beware of a "sure thing." For many members of your sign, get rich schemes are probable. Actually, it's not an ideal time to put your faith or money into "guarantees."
- GEMINI**
May 21 - June 20 It's not likely that you'll fail in the venture you have long held in mind. Actually, this week's cosmic cycle finds you in an ideal position to speculate.
- MOONCHILD**
June 21 - July 22 You'll be in position to advise an associate about finances. Try to be fair! Don't base your council on how it affects you personally.
- LEO**
July 23 - Aug. 22 This week, paint your feelings with iodine and throw your total effort into your job, task or project. Otherwise, you will be taking every wrong direction.
- VIRGO**
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 Beware! Mischief is on the march. Many members of your sign will be running up blind alleys . . . guided by half truths and rumors.
- LIBRA**
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 Matters of a hidden nature show in your chart. Apparently there's smoldering animosity developing among your associates. So, try to proceed with caution.
- SCORPIO**
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Two aspects show in your chart. First look for an unexpected overtone. Next, it is probable that you will be rewarded for past performance.
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 A rare planetary configuration, in your chart, suggests: It's an ideal and recommended period to mix business and pleasure. So, take advantage of an unusual opportunity.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 Someone in authority is going to give you an edge on the pack. According to your chart, superiors, will be working in your behalf, behind the scene.
- AQUARIUS**
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 Hold it Aquarius! Be certain that your facts are straight . . . before you air a grievance with a superior. Incidentally, the same applies with the other sex.
- PISCES**
Feb. 19 - Mar. 20 There are strong, very strong indications that an event of which you have no control - will bring you popularity. This week should be favorable . . . that's up to you, of course.

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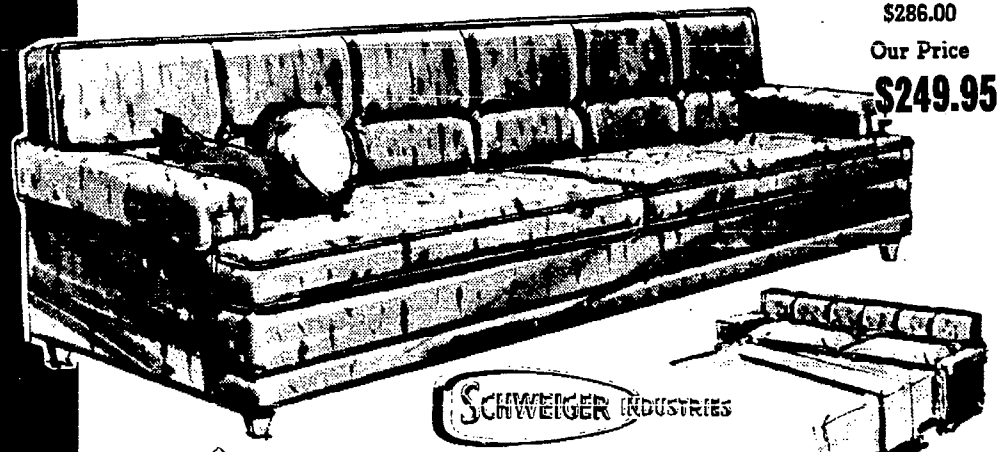
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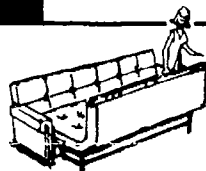
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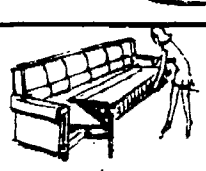
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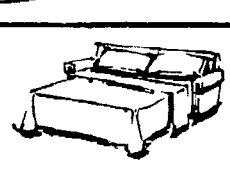
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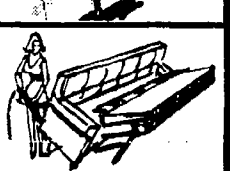
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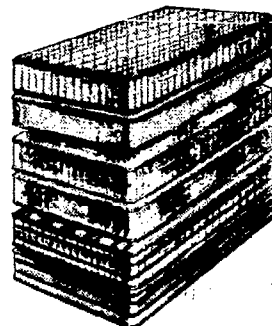


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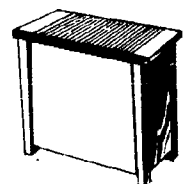
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The Scouts' Birthday

The Boy Scouts of America observes the 64th anniversary of its founding this year during the month of February. With some 6.5 million members, it is now the largest youth organization in the free world.

The purpose of scouting is unchanged — to build character, create awareness of citizenship responsibilities and promote mental and physical fitness. But under a new Improved Scouting Program, adopted after three years of study, the approach to reaching these goals has been changed to meet the conditions of today. To remove the inference of immaturity, Boy Scouts are now called just plain Scouts. They have more responsibility for guiding troop programs. Recognition for progress comes more rapidly and more often. There is more flexibility in choosing scouting programs to fit the areas where Scouts actually live rather than the wilderness conditions of some distant forest they may never see.

Boys and girls must become men and women of faith and integrity, able to live successfully and take part in today's complex world. The Boy Scouts of America, with its Improved Scouting Program, gives a helping hand. The Scouts deserve our thanks our good wishes and our support.

We Had Better Learn

Although there had been constant warnings, extending over a period of many years, regarding the danger of becoming overdependent on the Middle East for meeting U. S. petroleum needs, no one was quite prepared for the Arabian oil export embargo. This kind of international "blackmail" was something new in the American experience.

The question now is, will this country learn its lesson? Today there are those warning against the dangers of complacency in U. S. dealings with Russia. One of these warnings has come from Anthony Harrigan of the United States Industrial Council, a writer and lecturer of national prominence. Mr. Harrigan declares that, "The Soviet Union clearly regards detente as a tactical maneuver, as an opportunity to gain American technological know-how (especially computer technology), to strengthen the USSR's industrial base through American expertise and credits, to gain access to necessary foodstuffs that the inadequate Soviet agricultural system cannot produce, and to attain complete military superiority. By 1980, if not earlier, the Soviets will have achieved what they want under detente, and then will begin to apply severe pressure on the United States."

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

February 22, 1951

Women's Club met at the home of Mrs. Leonard Allison on Monday evening with twenty-eight members present. At the business meeting it was again decided to sponsor a girl to Girl's State this year.

Thirty-seven business houses or businessmen donated over \$170 to General Carnival Chairman Alfred J. Sorenson last week to defray expenses of workers at the Grayling Winter Sports Park in order to give the children of Grayling a free day of winter sports.

J. C. Milliken of Grayling started the basement for the new Town Hall the first of the week.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Caid, Jr., in Adrian, Mich. The young man will be known as Matthew J. Caid. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Caid of Lovells.

Judge and Mrs. Ray F. Clement attended the Republican Convention held in Detroit the past weekend and stopped in Bay City on route to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Papendick of Detroit, spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McClain and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Svend Madsen and family of Gaylord spent Sunday here visiting the Whitely and Norman Madsen families.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Clough and son, Kerry, spent last week in Detroit. Mr. Clough on business. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaMotte, who are visiting their daughter and family, the Charles Williams in Lincoln Park.

Harry Miller is playing host to a fractured arm as the result of a fall on the ice last Friday night.

Nineteen minor accidents were reported to the office of Sheriff William Golnick last Friday night as the result of the icy roads.

4 YEARS AGO —

February 23, 1928

Hans Peterson was nominated to succeed himself as village president on the Citizens ticket. George Burke was nominated on the Peoples ticket.

Gaylords highly-touted Veterans 51 Foreign Wars basketball team long string of victories came to a sudden and abrupt ending here last Tuesday, when the local independent quintet captained by LaVerne Chushman romped through the Northmen's defense and meted out to them a sound and decisive beating, running the score up to 38 against 27 for their opponents.

John W. Staley, president of the People's Wayne County bank, who died in Detroit suddenly Friday at the age of 56 years, was a former Grayling young man.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Cooley had as their guest over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cooley and Miss Florence Fernholtz of Lansing.

A daughter, Beatrice Josephine, was born on February 17th to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Papendick.

Misses Nina and Louise Sorenson of Grayling Mercy Hospital training school for nurses expect to leave next Tuesday for Grand Rapids to take their finishing course at St. Mary's Hospital there.

George Pennell and his sons, George and Keith have gone extensively into muskrat raising as a side line. Mr. Pennell is in the lumber business in Spokane, Wash., and with his sons have purchased 640 acres of land 80 miles northeast of Spokane, where the industry will be located.

Fred Hoesli and Richard Lovely left for Pontiac yesterday, where they expect to be employed.

Wesley LaGrow, who is manager of an A & P store in Detroit was in Grayling Sunday, his parents returning to Detroit with him.

Misses Marjorie Woods and Jane McGrady of Bay City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven and with a number of others took in the toboggan slide.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson gave a dance at their home last Saturday night.

Mrs. John Canfield burned her arm quite badly Monday when she accidentally fell against the kitchen stove.

Rhodes Harrison had the misfortune to break one of the bones of his right arm between the wrist and elbow while playing basketball.

Mrs. Hansine Hanson returned Sunday from a pleasant visit with her son Herman in Flint.

Angus McPhee of West Branch spent a couple of days here this week visiting old friends.

Mrs. Paul Feldhauser has been in Grayling for several days with her three daughters, two of whom have been ill with the flu. They are at the Henry Feldhauser home so as to be near the doctor.

On the Grayling Girls basketball lineup, Bugby, Matsen, I. Swanson, LaMotte, Bidvia, Warren, Chamberlain, M. Schuman.

71 YEARS AGO —

February 23, 1902

Claude Thompkins of Maple Forest was in town the first of the week feeling good over a successful winters job of lumbering.

A party of intimate friends of Mrs. C. J. Burton surprised her at her home Thursday evening, Feb. 16. Covers were laid for 16.

Solon Holbrook came down from Mackinaw Saturday with his two boys who wanted to visit their grandfather over Sunday. He is well pleased with his location at the Stralis.

P. J. Shirts Jr. who is scaling for Salling Hanson & Co. at Wolverine was home yesterday for a visit. He reports over three feet of snow on the level.

EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

An Open Letter to the 1974 Pageant Scholarship Donors:

Our sincere expression of appreciation is directed to the generous and thoughtful people and businesses that made it possible to establish a \$1,200 educational scholarship for the 1974 Pageant Program.

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On Homosexuality

A third sin which is destroying homes in America today is homosexuality. There is a "gay" revolution sweeping our nation which would shock all of us if the full truth were known. With the rejection of "Bible ethics" and the establishment of "situational ethics" we are moving into the post-Christian era of morality when anything goes. Militant "gay" groups are in the news repeatedly for their efforts to advance their groups, and press for equal acceptance throughout our society.

God reminds us that homosexuality corrupts and defiles any nation where it becomes prevalent. Lev. 18:22-30. God commanded the death penalty for practicing homosexuals in Israel. Lev. 20:13. No Jew was permitted to live, who was known to be a homosexual. Deut. 23:17. Even in the New Testament, according to the judgment of God, homosexuals are among those who are worthy of death. Romans 1:32. Again, I am not pleading for the death penalty for homosexuals, but I am trying to depict the heinousness of this wicked sin in the eyes of a holy God. Anyone who practices such sin shall not inherit the kingdom of God. I Cor 6:9. They will suffer "the vengeance of eternal fire." Jude 7.

In Romans 1:19-32 homosexuality is one of the lower steps in the progressive degeneration of a people who have totally rebelled against God, rejecting all knowledge of Him and fully seeking their own selfish desires. Note the steps of degeneration which man descended causing God to give them up: "God also gave them up to uncleanness" Verse 24: "God gave them up to vile affections" verse 26; and "God gave them over to a reprobate mind." Verse 28. (Read the details in your own Bible)

For those who have read enough psychology to think that all homosexuals are just sick, let me assure you that I am not talking here about the small minority of homosexuals who may be victims of an unfortunate psychological and sociological environment. I am concerned about the hundreds of thousands of normal young people being tempted and drawn into this cesspool of filth by such things as dirty books and other pornographic material, "adult" movies, the unisex movement,

the drug subcultures, and a host of other corruptive devices which are increasing within our society. Many of these young people will probably become overt homosexuals who are not even considered latent homosexuals today.

The only reason we listed adultery and pre-marital sex ahead of homosexuality as sins destroying the home is because of their number, and not because they are more serious in nature. Homosexuality is the deadliest of all sex sins. Very few overt homosexuals are ever reported cured. Few homosexuals seek professional help, and only 25 to 30 percent of the overt homosexuals who receive psychotherapy change to strict heterosexual patterns. Therefore, we see the deadliness and helplessness of this horrible sin sickness which is far worse than a deadly plague, creeping across America.

Only heart repentance from this deadly sin, and personal faith in Jesus Christ with a deep desire to do right can give such people any hope for victory in this life and the next. (Adv.)
Pastor Barnett

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Services Held For Mrs. Maud Bremmer

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 15, at Sorenson Funeral Home for Mrs. Maud Bremmer, 87, of Lovells, who passed away at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, on Tuesday. Rev. Harold Hazzard of Lewiston officiated and burial will be in the Lovells Cemetery in the spring.

Mrs. Bremmer was born in Kent County April 26, 1886. She had been a resident of Lovells for over 20 years, moving to Crawford County from Cedar Springs.

Survivors include one son, Carl Bremmer of Cedar Springs; one half-sister, Celia Sears of Howard City; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death as did her daughter, Edith Hartman, who died February 8, 1973.

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Schmidt - Shepherd Vows Spoken



Genevieve Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Schmidt of K.P. Lake became the bride of Robert L. Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crawford of Grayling on Saturday, February 2, at the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church. Rev. Paul Weber officiated at the six o'clock ceremony before some 150 guests.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a full length gown of nylon sheer over taffeta with full length sleeves. It featured a lace bib and sleeve caplets with soft ruffles forming a high neckline and at the bottom of the sleeves. She wore a fingertip veil of bridal illusion, which was held

in place by a small cap. Miss Laura Feldhauser was the maid of honor. Randy Reed served as best man and Harold Schmidt and Terry Shepherd were ushers.

Music was provided by David and Jerry King with Mr. Schmidt singing "The Lord's Prayer". Following the ceremony a reception was held at the American Legion Hall.

The new Mrs. Shepherd is a 1973 graduate of Grayling High School. Her husband also graduated from Grayling High in 1972. They are making their home in South Carolina where the groom is stationed in the U. S. Navy.

Barber-Smith Speak Vows in S. Carolina



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roger Barber of Grayling are pleased to announce their daughter Pfc. Mary C. Barber, was married on February 12 to Pvt. E2 Bobby Edward Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gunter of N. Little Rock, Ark., in a private ceremony at the Richmond County Court House.

Mary is a cook currently stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C. While Bobby is in combat training at Ft. Bliss, Tex.

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They have successfully completed the Equal Employment Opportunity Counseling School conducted by the United States Civil Service Commission Chicago Region at Minneapolis, Minn.

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The role as counselors is to serve as a bridge between employees and management and wherever possible, to resolve EEO problems on an informal basis. The EEO Counselor must win the trust and confidence of both management and aggrieved employees and must provide an open and sympathetic channel through which employees and applicants may raise questions, discuss problems, get answers and on an informal basis, get resolutions of problems connected with equal job opportunity.

District Court Action

The following persons appeared before Judge Francis Walsh, 83rd District Court, and plead guilty or were found guilty by a trial:

Larry Sidney Apps, 25, Roscommon, was charged with rape and was bound over to circuit court. (Bond continued)

Sharon Anne Ward, 32, Holly, was charged as being drunk and disorderly and plead not guilty. She was fined \$64.00.

Edwin Chester Pratt, 63, Rapid City, was charged with DWI and was fined \$124.00.

Robert Carl Stuebs, 27, Grayling, was charged as being a disorderly person and was fined \$64.00.

Douglas Michael Pabis, 20, Garden City, was charged with the possession of marijuana and was fined \$304.00.

Millard A. Moggo, 49, Roscommon, was charged with DWI and was fined \$144.00.

Raymond L. Denno, 35, Grayling, was charged with driving while license suspended and was sentenced to 5 days in jail or \$124.00. This was his second offense.

John Patrick Hayes, 25, Grayling, was charged with false pretenses intent to defraud, and was fined \$124.00 or 14 days or probation for 6 months full restitution to be made in 30 days.

Raymond George Danielski, 19, Mt. Clemens, was charged with fleeing from a police officer and was fined \$84.00. He was also charged with impaired driving and was fined \$124.00.

Deborah Moon, 17, Grayling, was charged as being drunk and disorderly and was found not guilty in a jury trial.

SAINT FRANCIS' CHURCH MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Congregation of St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Grayling met in Annual Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 27, 1974. At this meeting Messrs Clive S. Marshall, John L. Welt and Robert F. Woodland were elected to serve three year terms on The Bishop's Committee which is the governing body of the Congregation. They succeed Messrs Fred Bear, Howard McKinley and Mrs. George Munford whose terms expired at this meeting.

Other members of the Committee are Mrs. A. Fred Arwood, Mrs. David MacLean and Messrs. John H. Stewart, Richard J. Trudeau, Alfred Siewert and Terry R. Wakeley.

At its organization meeting on February 13 the Bishop's Committee elected the following officers of the Congregation: Warden (chief lay officer), Mr. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs. MacLean; and Treasurer, Marjorie Haugh.

The Committee also organized itself into the following standing committees for the year: Building and Grounds, Mr. Trudeau, Chairman and Mr. Marshall and Mr. Welt; Christian Education, Mrs. MacLean, Chairman and Mrs. Arwood; Finance and Stewardship, Mr. Siewert, Chairman and Mr. Woodland, with the Vicar and Mrs. Haugh serving ex officio; and Ushering, Mr. Stewart, Chairman and Mr. Wakeley.

Regular meetings of the Bishop's Committee were set for the second Wednesday evening of each month.

The Rev. John G. Carlton is Vicar of St. Francis' Church.

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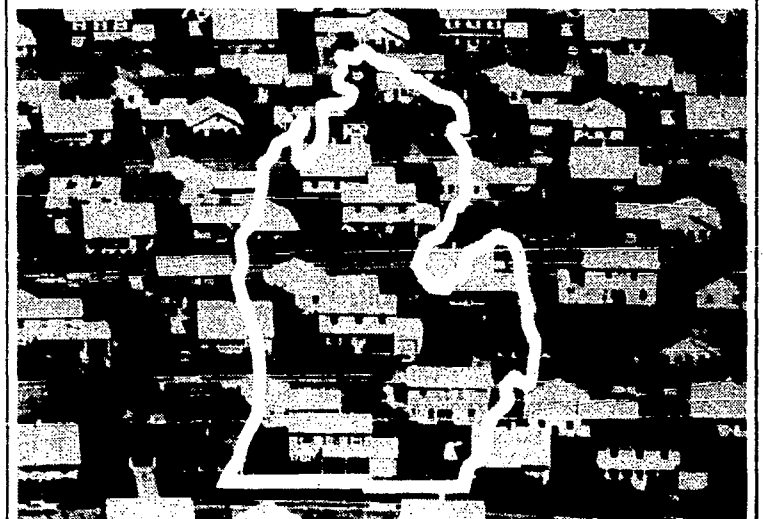
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MERCY HOSPITAL AUX. CARD PARTY

The Mercy Hospital Auxiliary sponsored a dessert luncheon card party on Tuesday February 12th and would like to thank all who attended and helped to make this event such a great success. A special thank you to Sister Mary Hilda for the use of the hospital facilities.

The Auxiliary will be planning another card party and a house tour in the near future and a time and place will be publicized at a later date.

The next meeting of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary will be held on March 14th in the North Wing dining area.

To Hold Meeting

The Pick 'N Polish Club will have their regular monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101 of the Houghton Lake High School. Anyone interested in rocks, gemstones or lapidary work is invited to attend.

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BITS O' TALK

Mrs. James Forbes had all of her children home for the weekend. Jack and June Forbes of Farmington Hills, Pat and Geo. Duncan, with children, John and Ann of Petoskey and Cathy and Jack Jones of Lansing. Skilling was the highlight of activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Robertson of Minneapolis, Minn., announce the birth of a daughter, Charity, on February 2, 1974. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 ozs. at birth. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robertson of Grayling and Dr. and Mrs. Aaron B. Rutledge of Richmond, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. William LaRush had visitors over the weekend, their son, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Perry and their two daughters, Kelly and Angela of Lowell, Mi. and they also visited her mother, Mrs. Arnold Hubbell and family.

Mercy Hospital News

The following are among the patients at Mercy Hospital this week: Peter Cain, Martha Gauthier, Melissa Halstead, Agnes Hanson, Elmira Heath, Ora Ingalls, Burnis Meech, Richard Rasmussen, Kenneth Rayl, Mary Tucker, Jonas Wirtanen, Ruth Ann Wyman and Leah Yoder, all of Grayling; Ellen Davis and Joseph Moody of Frederic.

Hospital

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have earned this recognition. There are approximately 6,600 general hospitals in the U. S. The Joint Commission's accreditation surveys are voluntary. It is not legally necessary for a hospital to be accredited, but health care facilities have sought accreditation because it represents a benchmark of quality that is higher than governmental licensure alone. The chief aim of the Hospital Accreditation Program, one of four such programs under the JCAH umbrella, is to help hospitals in their pursuit of excellence and thereby provide a higher quality of care to patients. The program also seeks to recognize, and to identify for the public, those facilities which meet its standards.

The Joint Commission began in 1918 under the auspices of the American College of Surgeons. It was incorporated in 1951 with the support of its present member organizations: the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, and the American Hospital Association. JCAH is a Chicago-based, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization. In addition to hospitals, it has programs for the accreditation of long term care facilities, psychiatric facilities, and facilities for the mentally retarded.

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Viking Matmen

The Grayling Matmen won and lost 1 last week. They defeated Glenn Lake 50-12. Winning points for Grayling were: Rob Roy Ockerman, Wayne Welch, Carl Partello, Toe Ockerman, Grant Byce, Curtis Robinson, Dan Walker, Bill Weiman, Steve Walker and Don Vollmer. This victory was the most team points scored by Grayling this year.

Grayling traveled to Petoskey and had some very close matches but came out on the short end of the score, 45-12. Only 3 people scored for Grayling. They were Rob Roy Ockerman with a pin, Carl Partello with a major decision 15-0, and Don Vollmer with a draw.

The Grayling Matmen will go to Mancelona for their last dual meet of the year. The district tournament for Grayling will be February 22 at Benzonia.

Collecting Coupons For MOD Campaign

The Roscommon-Higgins Lake Jayettes are collecting Bonus Coupons, the profits from which will go entirely to the March of Dimes. Collection canisters are located in various Roscommon business places or the coupons may be mailed to Pat Weber, R. R. #1, Box 498W, Roscommon, Mi. 48653.

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med training objectives. Colonel Rutkowski has greatly enhanced the image of the National Guard by his Community Relations Program. By including residents of the Grayling area into Camp activities and by urging members of his staff to become more involved in community activities, he has greatly reduced prejudices against the National Guard that were once prevalent. His program of human relations extends into the military ranks of both the National Guard and the USAR, and the many accolades that he has received from personnel in Puerto Rico, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, etc., bear evidence of the success of his ability to accomplish a difficult assignment in a superior manner and to earn friends for the MI ARNG at the same time. During his tenure as Camp Commander, facilities at Camp Grayling have been improved more than at any other time in the history of the Camp. This is due, in large measure, to his foresight and vigorous action. Colonel Rutkowski's outstanding accomplishments and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Department of Military Affairs and the Michigan National Guard.

Signed
C. C. SCHNIPKE
Major General, MI ARNG

EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

608 Ionia
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February 15, 1974

Dear Whitey,

I write this for the consideration of our City Council and the Citizens of Grayling.

The way things are I really don't know how a young couple with two children would make it on a total income of \$300.00 a month.

Yet, as I work on my various tax forms, I realize that such a couple (because of our \$800.00 exemptions) would be expected to pay \$12.00 in City Income Tax. Now, \$12.00 probably doesn't mean too much to most people, but for that couple it would surely have to be subtracted from essential items of food, clothing, medicine, etc.

If our City Resident Tax were increased to 1 1/2% and our exemption increased to \$1,200.00 to match the state of Michigan; my family's City Tax would increase about \$10.00. I would much rather have that happen, than to have us continue to ask tax money from people, who so obviously can't afford to pay any at all.

Sincerely,
Rev. Robert Haskel

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Meeting

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direction to the Board and to elect people to the Board of Directors and Credit Committee.

The terms of John Keir, Thomas Jennette and Kenneth Moore on the Board expire as does Priscilla Lopinski on the Credit Committee. A nominating committee of Bill Sietsema and Leo Lovely has nominated Kenneth Moore for re-election and Clara Krahmer and Michael Hettinger for the three year terms on the Board and Mrs. Lopinski for a second term on the Credit Committee.

Mr. Moore is an expediter at Bear Archery; Mrs. Krahmer is a production worker at Hancock Industries in Roscommon; Mr. Hettinger is an accountant for Clifford Peterson, C.P.A. and Mrs. Lopinski is in the payroll department at the Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Main speaker of the evening will be Richard Voorhees of the Michigan Credit Union League. He will discuss Credit Union programs present and future.

Arrangements for the meeting were handled by Board Members Don Sorenson, James Ott and Bill Sorenson. Tickets for the evening may be purchased by any Credit Union Member from anyone mentioned above or from the Credit Union Office for \$4.00 per person until February 16. Any member may come to the business portion of the meeting, at no cost.

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